



## Martha J. Wegert

July 2, 1931 - July 28, 2020

Martha J. Wegert (nee Shaw), 89, longtime resident of Gates Mills, passed away on July 28, 2020 at Grosse Pointe Manor nursing home in Niles, IL. She was born July 2, 1931 in Cambridge, Ohio and raised in Martins Ferry, Ohio. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and a Master's degree from Kent State University.

In 1951, Martha married Otto Wegert while they were both attending Bowling Green State University, where she was a member of Kappa Delta sorority. They were happily married for 64 years until Otto's death in 2015.

Martha taught elementary school for 33 years. She loved and excelled at teaching and considered her students to be her extended family. Martha always encouraged her students to be the best that they could be and she received several "Most Influential Teacher" awards from Mayfield High School seniors. She retired from Millridge School in Highland Heights, Ohio in 1990. She continued to receive birthday cards and good wishes from former students throughout her life.

After retiring, Martha was active in the Gates Mills Community Club (President 1994 -96) and the Gates Mills Garden Club (President 2003-2005). She and her husband were members of the Gates Mills Players and Willoughby United Methodist Church. They traveled extensively in the United States, Western Europe, and Canada. They enjoyed Broadway Theatre and playing bridge with friends. She was an avid Browns and Cavaliers fan.

Survivors include her sons Thomas R. Wegert (wife Ellen) of Winnetka, Illinois and James A. Wegert (wife Pamela) of Lancaster, Pennsylvania; grandchildren Elizabeth, Katherine, Olivia, Joshua and Tyler; great grandchildren Hayes and Grant; sister Evelyn and brother Willard. She was preceded in death by her parents Willard and Nenetah Shaw, and her older brother John.

Contributions may be made to the Willoughby United Methodist Church at 15 East

Spaulding St., Willoughby, OH 44094.

Arrangements Entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center,  
8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

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“ Mrs. Wegert was my fourth grade teacher 50 years ago. She always found ways to encourage us. She gave out awards at the end of the year that celebrated each students unique talents. Mine said “Excellent Artist.” I went on to major in art in college. I now serve as a City Commissioner in Orlando, Florida. Her kind gift gave me confidence to aspire to do great things. My sincere condolences to her family.

Commissioner Patty Sheehan  
Orlando, Florida

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“ We send our sympathies to all those who loved her! May God's presence fill the void left by your loss!  
Rev. Dr. Hazel Partington  
Willoughby United Methodist Church

**Pastor Hazel** - August 03 at 02:29 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of student teaching with Mrs. Wegert in 1985 at Millridge School. She was a wonderful 3rd grade teacher and a caring mentor. I learned so much from her. Many things I used throughout my own teaching career. She had a heart of gold and a great sense of humor. Please accept my sympathy on the loss of your extraordinary mother. She always spoke so proudly about her sons.  
Sue Sorger

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“ "Aunt Martha" was always a gracious host of our family during many Thanksgiving trips we made from the Toledo area to the Cleveland are each year. Her shrimp dip was worth the trip all by itself, though the meals in their beautiful home were tremendous as well. Martha was a regular guest in our home in Elmore Ohio as my family (Dad, Mom and my 3 brothers) was in hers. We shared many a "Wegert/Webert" family reunion during summers in Graytown, OH. Martha left us a treasure trove of delightful memories growing up as her nephews. Rest in peace with your beloved husband, Uncle Otto, Martha! Thanks for the memories!

**William Wegert** - August 02 at 10:20 AM